

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method and equipment is provided to allow a stuck elevator lift cage to be moved in situations when the lift cage and passengers is in weight equalization with the lift counterweight. With the lift's safety brake dis-engaged and the lift drive unactuated, the drive brake is released and an additional force is applied to the lift cage from a source external to the lift drive to move the lift cage to a position for passenger evacuation. The additional force may be applied through a cable pull connected to the limiter cable of the elevator's speed monitor system.